



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Examiner: P. Nerbun

Docket No.: 116936

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Following are Applicants comments in reply to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the February 24, 2004 Notice of Allowance.

In paragraph 3, page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowing claim 1 and its dependent claims are that the claims specifically require a thread limiting unit limiting a threading mechanism so that the threading mechanism is inoperative in a case where a thread cassette is attached to a cassette mount when a sewing apparatus is disconnected from a power supply.

However, the reasons for allowance fail to include reasons for allowance of claim 8. Applicants note that claim 8 also includes the limitation recited above. For clarification, Applicants note that claim 8 is also allowable at least because nowhere do the references of

record teach or disclose a sewing apparatus comprising a limiting unit limiting the threading mechanism and the thread carrying mechanism so that both the threading mechanism and the thread carrying mechanism are inoperative in a case where the thread cassette is attached to the cassette mount when the apparatus is disconnected from a power supply.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below if further comment is necessary.

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